GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3286
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COLD STORAGE AND CARGO HANDLING AT MUMBAI AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the decision to set up a cold storage and cargo handling facility for export of perishable agroproducts at Mumbai International Airport has since been implemented;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard as on May 31, 2001; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b) and (c):- A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by Airports Authority of India with Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export DevelopmentAuthority(APEDA) forconstruction and operationalisation of a State-of-the Art Centre for Perishable Cargo facility at Mumbaiairport. AAI has provided land measuring 2484 sq.metres. M/s APEDA hasawarded the Contract for design, supply, installation and Commissioning of the facilityon 27.2.2001. As the Centre is to be built on the site on which perishable cargo is presently being processed for export, construction work will start after the operations are shifted to an interim facility which is likely to be ready by 1st September, 2001.